

## FATIGUE ANALYSIS OF PULLEY BY USING FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS

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### ABSTRACT

*Conveyor pulleys deflect the belt on a conveyor and in the case of drive and take-up units, pulleys introduced the required motive force and tension into the belt. Mechanical advantage is a measurement of how much a simple machine multiplies a force. The bigger the mechanical advantage, the lesser the force needed, but greater the distance have to use that force.*

*The present analysis has been carried by using finite element analysis. By applying various identification numbers of the pulley and different RPMs, the analysis has been carried out for the same geometry of the material.*

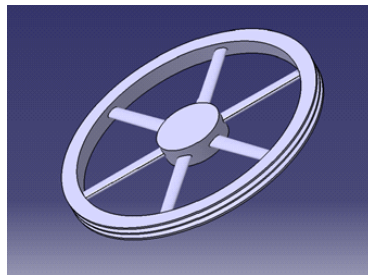
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## INTRODUCTION

### MODELING OF WIND TURBINE BLADES

The modeling of wind turbine blades has done as per the required geometry.



**Figure 1: 3D Model of Pulley**

### MATERIAL PROPERTIES & LOAD CONDITIONS

For the cast iron grade 20 material, the following material properties have been initialized for the analysis of the given model.

Youngs Modulus:	81 GPa
Poissons Ratio:	0.26
Density:	7100 Kg/M <sup>3</sup>

Tensile Strength: 152 Mpa

Yield Strength (0.2%): 98 MPa

Fatigue Endurance Limi: 68.94 MPa

Operating speed of pulley = 2000 rpm (25% marginal speed is considered for load fluctuation ), Therefore, simulation is done for 1500rpm, 2000rpm, 2500rpm.

## FATIGUE ANALYSIS OF PULLEY

The fatigue analysis has been carried out by applying the give boundary conditions as per the specified geometry of the pulley.

### STATIC ANALYSIS OF PULLEY-400 AT 1500 RPM

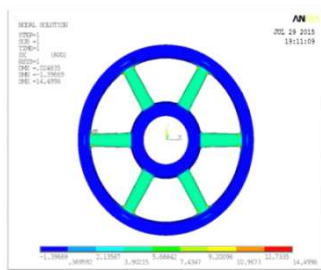


Figure 2: Radial Stress Plot

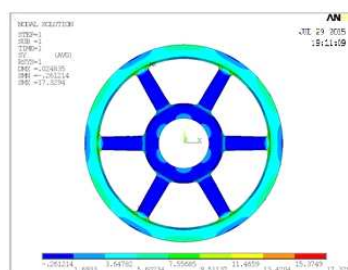


Figure 3: Hoop Stress Plot

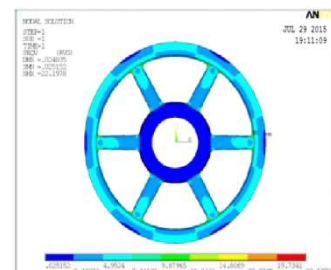


Figure 4: Von Mises Stress Plot

The radial stress of 14.49 MPa, Hoop stress 17.32 MPa and Von Mises stress 22.19 MPa achieved from the analysis.

### STATIC ANALYSIS OF PULLEY-400 AT 2000 RPM

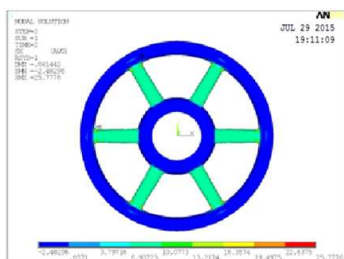


Figure 5: Radial Stress Plot

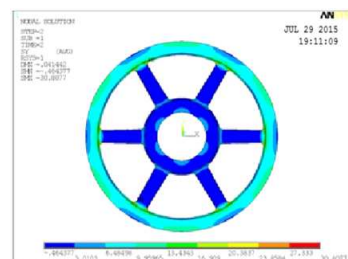


Figure 6: Hoop Stress Plot

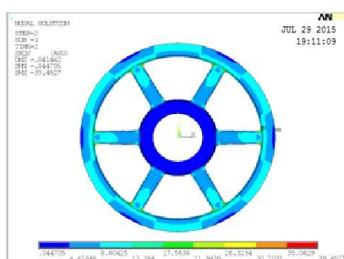


Figure 7: Von Mises Stress Plot

The radial stress of 22.77 MPa, Hoop stress 30.8 MPa and Von Mises stress 39.46 MPa achieved from the analysis.

## STATIC ANALYSIS OF PULLEY-400 AT 2500 RPM

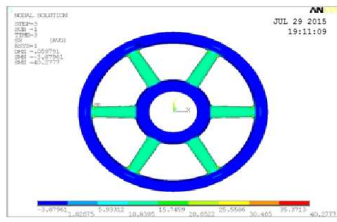


Figure 8: Radial Stress Plot

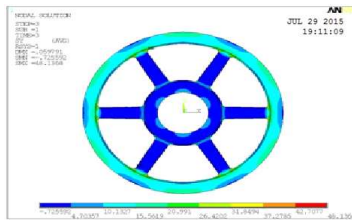


Figure 9: Hoop Stress Plot

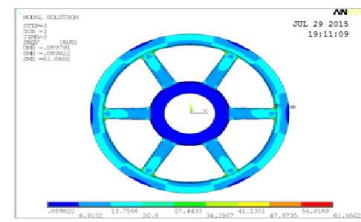


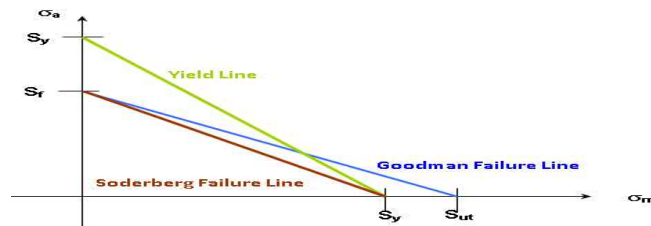
Figure 10: Von Mises Stress Plot

The radial stress of 40.27 MPa, Hoop stress 48.13 MPa and Von Mises stress 61.66 MPa achieved from the analysis. By the same procedure the static analysis of pulley -355 at 1500, 2000 and 2500 RPM has been carried out.

Table 1: Fatigue Analysis of Pulleys for different RPM

PULLEY	RPM	RADIAL STRESS (Sx)- Mpa	HOOP STRESS (Sy) - Mpa	VON-MISES STRESS (Seqv) - Mpa	FOS= TENSILE STRENGTH/Sy	TENSILE STRENGTH - Mpa	YIELD STRENGTH- Mpa	ENDURANCE LIMIT- Mpa
PULLEY-400	1500	14.5	17.3	22.19	8.79	152	98	68.94
	2000	25.77	30.8	39.46	4.94			
	2500	40.27	48.13	61.66	3.16			
PULLEY-355	1500	10.82	14.98	18.39	10.15			
	2000	19.25	26.64	32.7	5.71			
	2500	30.08	41.64	51.1	3.65			

According to Goodman theory the results can be validated.



Graph 1: Goodman Line

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## Graph 2: Stress plot with Goodman line

- From the analysis at all speed, the stress value is less than endurance limit value. The working stress falls in the infinite region

## CONCLUSIONS

Fatigue evaluation is done at 4 points as shown in adjacent. These 4 points are subjected to max. Stress as compared to other places, Fatigue is evaluated for two combinations of load cases.

Event 1= 1500rpm +2000rpm

Event 2= 2000rpm+2500rpm

No. of cycles, the pulley subjected in each event is assumed, is 5000 cycles.

(Which means 1 cycle = start-up and shut-down of pulley operation)

Event 1= 1500 rpm + 2000 rpm

The combination of load at 1500 rpm and 2000 rpm produces an alternating stress intensity.

- At location 1=6.71 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
- At location 2=1.81 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
- At location 3=0.86 N/mm<sup>2</sup>
- At location 4= 1.28N/mm<sup>2</sup>

The pulley is subjected to 5000 cycles, while from the S-N Table,

The maximum number of cycles allowed at that stress intensity is 1e6.

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